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HIS CHURCH

“I love Thy Church, O God,
Her walls before me stand;
Dear as the apple of Thine Eye,
And graven on Thy Hand.

“For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given
‘Till toils and cares shall end.”

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OUR SAINTED DEAD

These All Died in the Faith

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”

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1898	Hearne, E. O.	Chatham, La.
1901	Bartlett, M. E.	Phoenix, Arizona
1903	Dunn, W. S.	Grayson, La., R.F.D. No. 2
1904	Perdue, Mary E.	Atlanta, Texas
1910	Lee, J. W.	Columbia, La.
1910	Downs, J. R.	West Monroe, La.
1912	Griffin, B. F.	Atlanta, Texas
1912	Wardlow, Mrs. Lula	Montgomery, La.
1917	Strozier, James R.	Athens, La.
1921	Yeager, Ira L.	Monroe, La.
1920	Ragsdale, W. F.	Simmsboro, La.
1921	McVey, G. A.	Montgomery, La.
1898-1927	Patton, I. A.	West Monroe, La.
1929	Lee, Morris	Atlanta, Texas
1931	Hearne, R. H.	Chatham, La.
1931	Hearne, F. L.	Grayson, La.
1932	Blackburn, J. B.	Homer, La., R.F.D. No. 3
1932	LaCroix, H. E.	Ball, La.
1933	Bodie, Luther A.	Pollock, La.
1933	Jones, James A.	Pineville, La.
1933	Cotton, C. J. T.	Chatham, La.
1913-1933	Corley, E. W.	Downsville, La.
1934	Durbin, B. Paul	Downsville, La.
1935	Calhoun, C. A.	Haynesville, La.
1936	Moore, Charlie	Ball, La.
1937	J. T. Garrett	Ball, La.

UNDER GRADUATES

Third Year

Tillman Brown	Quitman, La.
H. C. Kenney	
W. P. Shows	
Rex Squires	
Hardy Carroll	

Second Year

Miss Fern Cook
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“The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness.”

1911-1933—E. A. DENNARD
1905-1935—J. H. LEWIS
1915-1935—H. H. CANTLEY
1936—MRS. J. A. RILEY
1903-1936—J. F. REID
1897-1936—G. J. L. BROWN
1902-1937—F. L. SHOWS

“And when hoary hairs shall your temples adorn, like lambs you shall still on my bosom be borne.”

C O M M I T T E E S

Divine Worship

Mrs. I. J. Allen
Rev. Mary E. Perdue

Education

Paul Durbin
J. W. Gaar
Morris Lee

Camp Chatham

F. L. Hearne
C. A. Calhoun
John T. Head

Periodicals

J. R. Strozier
C. J. T. Cotton
Fount Jones

Funds for Superannuates

C. A. Calhoun
L. J. Overstreet
I. N. Walsworth

Official Character

E. W. Corley
H. S. Garlington
J. W. McKeithen

Finance

J. W. McKeithen
I. L. Yeager
W. W. McDonald

Missions

B. F. Griffin
J. F. Craig
Bob Hearne

By Laws and Rules of Order

James A. Jones
T. L. Cowser
J. T. Garrett

Thanks

I. A. Patton
T. E. Terry
Geo. Rockhold

Pastors Report

J. A. Jones
L. A. Bodie
J. G. Moore

Temperance

E. O. Hearne
F. L. Shows
Mrs. Carl Taylor

Fellowship Committee

J. W. Lee
Rev. Mary Ellon Perdue
Ira L. Yeager
Mrs. A. Wells
J. W. McKeithen

T. I. Head
L. A. Bodie
T. L. Cowser
Paul Durbin

PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-first session of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened with the Church at Jonesboro, Louisiana, October the twenty-second, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven.

The conference was called to order by the president, Rev. J. W. Lee, who also conducted the devotionals, with scripture reading and prayer.

Rev. Mary Ellon Perdue, the entertaining pastor, delivered the welcome address.

This address was fittingly responded to by the president of the Louisiana Conference.

Upon motion the Conference Bar was fixed to include the first five pews from the altar.

Introductions

Rev. W. F. Henderson, pastor of the Southern Methodist church at Clay, La.

Mr. Leon W. Sloan, representing the Anti-Saloon League, New Orleans, La.

Dr. J. A. Wade and Rev. W. O. Lynch of the Arkansas Conference.

Rev. W. F. Roberts, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Jonesboro, La., were introduced to the Conference, and invited to honorary seats.

Upon motion Mr. Leon W. Sloan was privileged to address the conference in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League work. He also requested that one of the strongest members of our Louisiana Conference be elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League.

The order of the day having arrived, the conference adjourned for the opening sermon which was ably delivered by Rev. Morris Lee.

Benediction by Rev. Ira L. Yeager.

First Day Afternoon Session

Conference called to order by the president. Devotionals by Rev. Luther A. Bodie.

Roll called and corrected. Upon motion the names of R. M. Walker and W. M. Platt were transferred to the "Roll of Our Honored Dead."

The president called Rev. Ira L. Yeager to the chair, after which he read his report, which was adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Louisiana Conference of Methodist Protestant Church now in session in Jonesboro, La., Greetings in the Lord:

Immediately after last annual conference I entered upon my duties and continued until now. I have traveled thousands of miles, held 36 quarterly conferences, preached 90 times, held 3 revival meetings, gave some time to the needs of our Chatham Camp, preached several funerals and helped in several, have met with Church Extension Board and have looked after our delinquent property.

Official Acts

In January, I appointed Rev. C. A. Calhoun to Dry Prong church as pastor.

In May, I appointed Rev. I. A. Patton to Winfield church, which was left unsupplied at last Conference.

Later in May, I received Rev. L. A. Bodie's resignation from Hollins Chapple and Antioch. Soon after, I appointed Rev. E. W. Corley pastor of Antioch and Bro. Brown to Hollins Chapple. Bro. Brown, failing to get word of this appointment, Hollins Chapple remained unsupplied until now.

I left Barrons Chapple unsupplied at their request.

I appointed a Mrs. Lewis to supply Bethel at their request.

I then received Bro. Morris Lee's resignation from Jena and Beulah and in July appointed Rev. F. L. Shows pastor.

I granted Bro. Strickland and also Bro. Ezell Garlington a transfer to the North Carolina Conference.

Improvements Noted

Ansley installed some fine shades in their church.

Pollock has repaired their church all over and did a fine job of it.

Dry Prong church was re-roofed by C. A. Calhoun, and the Church Extension Board.

Grayson Methodist Protestant people did some needed repair on the Southern Methodist church.

Money, lumber, and needed material is all ready to repair the South Winfield church. Rev. I. A. Patton is responsible.

Sunrise church has made their church a new one, installing carbide lights and a piano.

Our Chatham Camp buildings were reroofed, shower bath for girls and a fine range stove installed.

Recommendations

That our pastors put forth a great effort to observe all the special days of the denomination.

That we stand by our young people's school at Chatham.

That we give more prayerful attention to Bro. Downs' rescue work, especially do we commend this work to our woman's missionary branch and the church as a whole.

That our pastors and people subscribe for our church paper for there is no greater literature in print than the Methodist Recorder.

That our people stand still 'till God lets us go, and close our ears to those who would discourage our denominational program. We are yet Methodist Protestants.

May God add his choicest blessings to you.

In His Name,
J. W. LEE.

Supplement: That we cooperate with the anti-saloon league in the fight against the awful evil of intemperance.

The secretary read the names of the various committees appointed by the president.

The report of Rev. George Rockhold was read and upon motion by his request his name was dropped from the ministerial list.

Committee on Education report was read and adopted.

EDUCATION REPORT

We your committee on Education submit this our report:

We are living in an age that necessitates more education in all walks of life than in any previous age.

Never before in the history of the world is the demand greater for higher standards and clearer thinking on the part of our gospel ministry.

In view of the fact that the demand for educated people is continually increasing in every vocation of life, we should therefore take a definite stand against illiterate ministry. Therefore, we recommend:

That everyone coming to our conference and undertaking the high calling of the gospel ministry do all in their power to attend one of our colleges and thus qualify themselves for the great task that is before them.

We further recommend that the preachers of our conference preach at least once a year on Christian Education and insist upon their people taking advantage of every available opportunity and as a conference we place ourselves as a supporter of our denominational institutions, and in view of the fact that we have neglected taking our church paper let us put forth a greater effort to place our church paper in our homes.

Respectfully submitted:
REV. B. P. DURBIN
J. W. GAAR
MORRIS G. LEE

The time for the election of officers having arrived the president appointed W. W. McDonald, B. F. Griffin and E. O. Hearne as tellers.

Rev. John W. Lee, Grayson, La., was elected president on the first ballot.

Upon motion the chair was authorized to cast the conference ballot for the re-election of Rev. Mary Ellon Perdue, secretary.

Upon motion the chair was authorized to cast the conference ballot for the re-election of Rev. Ira L. Yeager as treasurer.

Upon motion the chair was authorized to cast the conference ballot for the re-election of Rev. L. A. Bodie as statistician.

Upon motion the same standing district committee was re-elected.

Upon motion the same Board of Church Extension was re-elected.

Upon motion Rev. Ira L. Yeager was elected to serve on the Board of Itinerancy and Orders for a period of three years.

Upon motion Rev. J. R. Strozier was elected to serve on the Board of Louisiana Council of Christian Education for a period of two years.

Upon motion Rev. C. A. Calhoun was elected to serve on the Board "Funds for the Superannuates" for a period of three years.

Upon motion the same board of Christian Education was re-elected.

Report of Rev. J. H. Lewis was read and adopted.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. C. A. Calhoun.

Dr. J. A. Wade brought the message at the evening service.

Second Day Morning Session

The conference was called to order by the president.

Devotionals by Rev. F. L. Hearne.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders submitted their report which was adopted.

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS

First, we recommend that J. T. Garrett, having satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of study, be elected to Elders Orders.

That H. C. Kinney, coming properly recommended by his quarterly conference, and after examining him on qualifications, is competent to be placed, together with Hardy Carroll, Rex Squires, Tillman Brown, and W. P. Shows in the Third Year's Course of Study.

Also that Miss Fern Cook and Pierce McKeithen be advanced to the Second Year's Course of Study.

Second, we recommend that Miss Elaine Willet and M. H. Corley, coming properly recommended by their respective quarterly conferences, be granted probationary relationship to this annual conference and be placed in the First Year's Course of Study.

That Russell Kitchens, having failed to pursue the required course of study in the prescribed time, be referred back to the quarterly conference.

To all who desire to become a member of this annual conference, we call attention to the 20th article of the Rules of Order.

Respectfully submitted:
F. LYMON SHOWS
LULA WARDLOW
I. L. YEAGER

Upon motion the eleven o'clock hour was dedicated to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Louisiana District. Mrs. A. Wells, president of the Louisiana Branch, and Miss Bettie Brittingham, general conference secretary of the Woman's Work, be in charge of same.

Motion prevailed to adjourn one hour for committee work.

Conference reconvened and the Committee on Periodicals submitted their report which was adopted.

REPORT OF PERIODICAL COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Periodicals, recommend that our people read and study the Book of Books, the "Bible," daily and they supply their homes with clean, wholesome literature.

We also recommend that every pastor and family of the Methodist Protestant church subscribe for the "Methodist Protestant Recorder," and the "Missionary Record," and that we use our own Sunday School literature.

Respectfully submitted:
JAMES R. STROZIER
W. F. JONES
W. F. JONES
C. J. T. COTTEN

Committee on Temperance submitted report which was adopted.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE

In as much as the Scripture teaches us to be temperate in all things, and feeling that this includes all our habits, but more especially, first, the use of intoxicating drinks, then gambling, and the use of tobacco, Sabbath desecration, etc.

As a conference we should take a definite stand for total abstinence for Paul says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Our girls and boys should be taught that they must "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing."

Therefore, we recommend, that as a conference we put forth every effort in our power to blot out the liquor traffic, and in

order to do this that we elect out of this body someone to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League of Louisiana, and assist and cooperate with this great organization in an effort to bring back prohibition.

Respectfully submitted:
E. O. HEARNE
F. LYMAN SHOWS
MRS. CORA TAYLOR

Upon motion Rev. F. Lyman Shows was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League in the State of Louisiana.

Committee on Missions submitted report which was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We the Committee on Missions, submit the following recommendations:

1st. That our pastors acquaint themselves with the missionary program of our church and teach their people the urgent necessity for cooperating to the fullest extent in carrying out this program.

2nd. That we apply ourselves to the task of organizing new auxiliaries where none exist and that we render full cooperation to the leaders of the Louisiana branch.

3rd. That since our Board of Missions is experiencing difficulties through lack of funds, that each of the Charges and Stations make every effort possible to pay its assessments in full, and that all special days be observed. Stress is being placed on the offering.

4th. That our preachers do missionary work in new fields trying to enlarge our bounds whenever and wherever he can do so without impairing pastoral duties.

Respectfully submitted:
B. F. GRIFFIN
J. F. CRAGG
R. H. HEARNE

Committee on Pastors report read and adopted.

The Committee on Pastor's Reports have checked and passed upon all the reports submitted to the same from the various churches listed.

Respectfully submitted:
L. A. BODIE
J. G. MOORE
JAS. A. JONES

Upon motion the supplement of the president's report dealing with the case of Arthur McVey was referred to the committee on official character.

Upon motion the resolution offered by Rev. C. A. Calhoun was adopted.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY REV. C. A. CALHOUN
Whereas, Westminister is the only educational institution

of the Methodist Protestant Church in the Southwest, we feel that it is our duty and privilege to help support its program. With the backing of each and every church and member of this conference, the school will be able to render our youth much greater service and contribute more to the progress of our denomination in this area. In view of the fact that Westminister has rendered and still is rendering a great service to the young people of the Louisiana Conference,

Therefore, be it resolved that Christmas be set aside as a special day for Westminister College and that an offering be made to go to this noble enterprise.

Upon motion Dr. Frank W. Stephenson addressed the conference, bringing greetings from the Texas Conference, also explaining in detail the meaning of the "Fellowship" Crusade.

The conference was grieved to hear of the illness of Dr. Straughn and regretted that he could not be with us at this session.

Motion prevailed to adjourn for the special service arranged for Miss Brittingham, who brought us a wonderful message concerning our mission fields.

Benediction pronounced by Rev. M. G. Lee.

Second Day Afternoon Session

Conference called to order by the secretary at the request of the president.

Devotionals by Rev. J. A. Jones.

Roll call and the reading of the minutes omitted.

The report of Rev. Mary E. Bartlett was read and adopted. Upon motion she was granted evangelistic relationship.

TO THE NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
PROTESTANT CHURCH:

I thank God whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day—II Tim. 1:3. How I wish I could be with you dear ones at this of all sessions. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon you every one. This year has been a glorious year to me. I held one revival in which over 75 precious souls were reclaimed, saved or sanctified. We have had 53 precious souls brought to the Lord here in the home. We have baptized 13 babies and 4 adults—performed 4 marriages, and we do praise the Lord for each trial and test of life, for the dear Lord has and does answer prayer, praise His Holy Name.

Please give me the same appointment, (that of evangelist). God bless and keep our beloved Zion true to the trust that was given us—the salvation of precious souls and the spread of Scriptural Holiness. I am sending \$10.00 to be placed as you see fit on the conference claims.

I do pray this may be the greatest conference that we have ever had. I am so thankful I am a member of such a devoted christian body. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Yours in gospel bonds,
M. E. BARTLETT

Report of Rev. J. B. Blackburn read and adopted.

The question was raised by the conference treasurer concerning the distribution of the funds for superannuates. After discussion the president ruled that each superannuate share alike in the distribution of said fund.

Rev. G. J. L. Brown and Rev. J. A. Reid submitted verbal reports which were adopted.

Committee on Thanks submitted report which was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We, the Committee on Thanks, find words inadequate to express the profound joy and pleasure of our redeemed souls to the pastor, Rev. M. E. Perdue and each member of the church for their faithful and untiring efforts in making our stay in their midst so complete in every respect. And we are indeed grateful to other pastors and their people for the fine spirit they have shown in helping to entertain and take care of this conference. As we go out to our homes we assure each of you all of you that day and night, we will remember you in our prayers to our God.

Respectfully submitted:
I. A. PATTON
TOM TERRY
GEORGE ROCKHOLD

Committee on Chatham Camp with resolution which was adopted.

CAMP CHATHAM REPORT

Your Committee for Camp Chatham, desire to offer the following Resolution and Recommendation:

1. Recommendation. We recommend that an offering be made during this conference for the purpose of liquidating a present indebtedness now pending against the camp. Should there be a balance it will be placed in the camp fund to be used in defraying a part of the expense of the pastor's school.

2. Resolution. Whereas: The President of the Council of Religious Education of the Arkansas Annual Conference has made an overture to your committee as follows:

1. That the South end of the Arkansas Conference meet with us in our Leadership Training School.
2. That the Arkansas Conference Council will pay an additional fee per capita for the privilege of the camp.

Therefore, be it resolved that this annual conference go on record as accepting the offer of the Arkansas Conference Council, and that due notice thereof be conveyed on to the Louisiana Conference Council for complete consideration.

Respectfully submitted:
C. A. CALHOON
F. S. HEARN
J. T. HEAD

Upon motion money designated "Delegate Fund" now in the hands of conference treasurer be used to liquidate the indebtedness on Camp Chatham.

Motion prevailed to fix place for the next annual session of this conference.

Bethel in Mt. Nebo Circuit, Pollock and Grayson were placed in nomination.

After the vote was taken, Bethel church on Mt. Nebo Circuit was declared the place and the time was fixed for the conference to convene Friday morning at 10 o'clock, before the fourth Sunday in October, 1938.

Upon motion Rev. Paul Durbin was elected to preach the opening sermon at the next annual conference.

Motion prevailed to adjourn two hours for committee work.

Benediction by Rev. W. F. Ragsdale.

Conference reconvened at the call of the president.

Rev. W. F. Ragsdale and Charlie Moore submitted verbal reports which were adopted.

Upon motion the name of W. T. Waller was dropped from the ministerial roll.

Committee on finance submitted report which was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Your committee on finance offers the following report:

1. In response to a request from the Council of Christian Education of the Louisiana Conference to make provision to assist in the support of our Leadership Training Schools, we offer the following plan.

(a) That Sunday Schools in stations and half stations be assessed two dollars (\$2.00) each.

(b) That Christian Endeavor Societies in station and half station be assessed two dollars (\$2.00) each.

(c) That Sunday Schools in circuits be assessed one dollar (\$1.00) each.

(d) That Christian Endeavor Societies in circuits be assessed one dollar (\$1.00) each.

(f) That the assessments be collected on or before May 1, 1938, and be forwarded to Miss Myrtle Malone, treasurer of the Council.

2. We recommend that the president's salary be based upon 15 per cent of pastor's salary promised up to \$400.00, and 12½ per cent to all above this amount. Each pastor shall be responsible to see that this salary is paid in full; and that all missionaries and evangelists be assessed \$5.00 to apply on this salary.

3. We recommend that the General and Annual Conference claims be assessed at one dollar (\$1.00) per member.

(a) That distribution of said funds be as follows:

(b) Annual Conference Journal.

(c) \$30.00 annual conference secretary.

(d) \$20.00 annual conference treasurer.

(e) Balance to be divided as follows:

(a) 50% to general conference claims.

(b) 50% to annual conference claims.

(c) Annual conference claims to be divided as follows:

60% Church Extension.

25% Superannuates.

15% Delegate General Conference.

4. We further recommend that all pastors accept the responsibility of collecting the President's Salary and General and Annual Conference Claims.

Also the following special days be observed: Easter, Childrens Day, Rally Day, and Young Peoples Day.

After careful consideration we make these recommendations, and ask their adoption.

Respectfully submitted:

J. W. McKEITHEN

I. L. YEAGER

W. W. McDONALD

AMENDMENT TO FINANCE REPORT

1. That each pastor raise the amount of \$3.00 for the purpose of financing the Pastor's School. Said fund shall be forwarded Rev. E. W. Cordy, Chatham, La.

C. A. CALHOUN

Committee on superannuate relationship submitted report which was adopted. Immediately after the reading of this report, upon motion, a rising vote of thanks was given Bro. F. Lyman Shows for his faithful and efficient service.

COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATE RELATIONSHIP

Beg leave to make its report:

Rev. F. Lyman Shows has applied for superannuate relationship to the conference.

We have investigated the merits of Bro. Shows' application and find that he (Bro. Shows) has sacrificially given thirty-five (35) years of very beneficial service to the Louisiana Annual

Conference. The committee deems it highly imperative that the conference in some very definite way acknowledge and commend this servant of God for his service to God and to the church.

We acknowledge and accept the application of Bro. Shows and recommend him for superannuate relationship to the Louisiana Conference.

Respectfully submitted:
F. L. HEARNE
I. L. YEAGER
C. A. CALHOUN

Committee on official character submitted report which was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL CHARACTER

The Committee on Official Character submits the following report:

We have made a careful investigation into the complaints and charges filed against the character of Rev. G. A. McVey, on the following points:

1. Misrepresentation of facts.
2. Infringing on the rights of other ministers.
3. Disregard of annual conference stationing authority.

Evidence on the foregone charges have been presented and filed.

We recommend that an immediate trial for the accused be held by this annual conference in accordance with the discipline of our church.

Respectfully submitted:
E. W. CORLEY
H. S. GARLINGTON
J. W. McKEITHEN

Upon motion the Memorial Service in memory of Rev. Wm. Platt and R. M. Walker was fixed at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Committee on Divine Worship announced that Rev. Frank Stephenson would deliver the ordination sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Upon motion the time for the ordination of Rev. J. T. Garrett was fixed to take place immediately after the ordination sermon.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. J. R. Downs.

The pulpit was filled at the evening service by Rev. L. A. Bodie.

Second Day Evening Session

Conference called to order by the president.

Upon motion the plan concerning the Fellowship Cru-

sade was adopted and J. W. McKeithen, L. A. Bodie, T. I. Head, Paul Durbin, T. L. Cowsen were appointed to serve jointly with the set up committee in a fellowship crusade to represent the Methodist Protestant Recorder.

Conference treasurer submitted report which was adopted.

REPORT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER, 1937

Immediately after the closing of the Conference of 1936, the Superannuate Fund of \$70.48 was prorated according to the action of that Body.

Amount of General Conference Delegate

Fund as received, 1936.....	\$21.76
Ministerial Institute Fund, balance in treasury, 1936.....	11.61
Nov. 13, 1936, mailed check to Dr. Stephenson as per request of Rev. C. A. Calhoun.....	\$7.00
General Conference receipts.....	\$199.70
Annual Conference receipts.....	\$219.61
Ministerial Institute Fund	4.61
Church Extension Board.....	66.30
Annual Conference Journal.....	50.00
Annual Conference Secretary.....	25.00
Annual Conference Treasurer.....	15.00
General Conference Delegate Fund.....	33.45
Superannuate Fund	89.18

Respectfully submitted:
I. L. YEAGER

Treasurer of Board of Church Extension submitted report which was adopted.

REPORT CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD, OCTOBER, 1937

Amount in treasury, as reported at close of

Annual Conference, 1936.....	\$148.15
Nov. 23, 1936, to balance on Annual Conference Journal.....	\$16.24
March 12, 1937, Expense Board Meeting, at Jonesboro, La.	4.75
April 2, 1937, Check from Rev. G. J. L. Brown, receipts from land holdings.....	\$200.00
May 20, 1937, Expense Board Meeting, at Jonesboro, La.....	5.60
May 31, 1937, Check to Russell Lumber Co., Pineville, La., Dry Prong Church Loan.....	\$100.00
May 31, 1937, Check to Rev. Lula Wardlow, recording of mortgage.....	1.25
Oct. 2-16, Received, balance in full on Colfax Church Loan, by Rev. L. Wardlow.....	8.00
Oct. 7, Payment on Stone Avenue Church Loan.....	10.00
Oct. 23, 1937, Amount as authorized by committee on finance, credited.....	66.30
Balance in treasury.....	\$127.84 \$304.61

Respectfully submitted:
I. L. YEAGER

Rev. J. R. Downs, general rescue missionary, and superintendent of the Home of the Good Samaritan, submitted verbal report which was adopted.

The Fellowship Crusade Committee submitted the following report:

We, your committee, recommend that an assessment of \$300.00 be made jointly with the \$300.00 made by the general conference, with the general and annual conference sharing equally in the amount raised. The annual conference amount to be divided between the Home of the Good Samaritan, the Superannuate Fund, and the Chatham Camp building fund. 1-6 to the Home of the Good Samaritan; 1-6 to the Superannuate Fund and 4-6 to the Camp Chatham building fund. To raise this fund we recommend that each member of the church be assessed 20 cents each.

We further recommend that this amount be raised by May 1, 1938, and sent to the conference treasurer.

Upon motion Rev. W. S. Dunn was appointed conference missionary.

The stationing committee submitted their report, and appointments were read by the president.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Frank W. Stephenson.

This closed the 91st annual session of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Sabbath Day

A beautiful and fitting memorial service was conducted at 10 o'clock in memory of Dear Father Wm. Platt and Richard M. Walker. This service was conducted by Revs. G. J. L. Brown, E. O. Hearne, and I. A. Patton.

Dr. Frank W. Stephenson delivered the ordination sermon. At the close. Rev. J. T. Garrett was ordained.

REPORT OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

At a meeting of our Board held at Chatham, La., August 7, 1937, with Dr. F. W. Stephenson and Rev. J. W. Shell sitting with us the following recommendations were adopted to be presented to this conference:

1. That the Louisiana Annual Conference make it a part of their annual program to hold a Pastor's School.
2. That the Pastor's School be held each year at the same time and place as the Leadership Training School.
3. That it be obligatory for all the pastors to attend this School.

4. That provision be made in the annual conference budget for funds to support the Pastor's School.
5. That such funds be used to defray the expenses of the speakers and to pay for the meals of the pastors and speakers at the dining hall of the Leadership Training School, to defray the expenses of the teachers and speakers, and other necessary expenses.
6. That the conference Board of Christian Education be instructed to proceed with arrangements and programs for the Pastor's School for next year.

Respectfully submitted:
 C. A. CALHOUN, President
 MRS. C. C. HARGROVE, Secretary
 J. W. LEE
 F. L. SHOWS
 PAUL DURBIN

APPOINTMENTS

CIRCUIT	PLACE	PASTOR
Monroe	Monroe	Ira L. Yeager
Arcadia	Bethlehem Black Lake Cross Roads Spring Hill	J. R. Strozier
Mt. Nebo	Ansley Bethel Mt. Nebo	Paul Durbin
Strickland	Clear Creek Bethel Barron's Chapel	Charlie Moore
Bentley	Bentley Spring Hill Ball	J. T. Garrett
Chatham	Chatham Concord Antioch	E. W. Corley
Grayson	Grayson Kelly Sardis Shiloh	F. L. Hearne
West Carroll	Campbell's Chapel Sunrise Bastrop	Unsupplied

CIRCUIT	PLACE	PASTOR
Queen City	Courtland Knights Bluff	Unsupplied
Boyd	Boyd	B. F. Griffin
Evergreen	Evergreen Antioch Bear Creek	Tillman Brown
Center Point	Center Point	I. A. Patton
Pollock	Pollock	C. A. Calhoun
Hollins Chapel	Hollins Chapel	J. A. Jones
New Hope	New Hope	E. W. Corley
Dry Prong	Dry Prong	L. A. Bodie
Urania	Urania	Mary Ellon Perdue
Dodson	Dodson	I. A. Patton
Jena	Jena Beulah	L. A. Bodie
Hicks	Mt. Zion Lewis Chapel	J. A. Jones
Winnfield	Winnfield Couley	I. A. Patton
Jonesboro	Jonesboro	Mary Ellon Perdue
Colfax	Colfax	Lula Wardlow
Pine Grove	Mt. Pleasant Pine Grove Walnut Grove Zoar	C. J. T. Cotton
Luna	Luna	Unsupplied
Conference Evangelists		
Rev. Mary E. Bartlett	J. B. Blackburn	Morris Lee
Conference Missionary		
W. F. Ragsdale	H. E. LaCroix	W. S. Dunn
General Rescue Missionary, Supt. Home of Good Samaritan		
Rev. J. R. Downs		

In School		
W. P. Shows	Miss Fern Cook	Pierce McKeithen
Marvin Corley	Miss Elaine Willet	
Without Appointment		
E. O. Hearne	H. C. Kinney	R. L. Hearne

B Y - L A W S

Section 1. No delegates shall be entitled to a seat in the annual conference without proper credentials or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in case of alternate the certificate shall so express it.

Section 2. Delegates to the annual conference shall be elected from the members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of fifteen years. In circuits, stations, and missions, it shall be the duty of the steward to designate the time and place and give notice of election. The election shall be held under the direction of the stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates, and receive certificates according; provided that in the case of a tie, members of Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote shall decide; and provided further that in case the delegates and alternates elected from any work are providentially hindered from attending the annual conference to which they were elected then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent the work in the conference. That no one, especially the men shall be allowed to vote for delegate who does not contribute regularly for the support of the pastor and the claims of the general and annual conference.

Section 3. No person shall be elected to orders, except they be persons of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrine of christianity and faithful in the discharge of gospel duties.

Section 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than two years at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerate labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred provided he, at his own request, may locate by vote of the conference.

Section 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission, shall cease from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the president, for reason by him deemed expedient.

Section 6. The secretary shall furnish each pastor with a condensed blank pastor's report at least ten days prior to the opening of each session of the annual conference that each pastor during the morning of the second day of conference hand their reports to the committee on pastors reports and that as soon as passed upon by committee and conference, said report shall be delivered to conference steward for his action, then to the statistical secretary for final disposition. Should any pastor fail to comply with this rule for the first offense he shall be reprimanded by the president, and for the second offense shall be located by a majority vote of the conference. That the evangelists and conference missionaries read their reports to the conference. We recommend that when the president visits a pastoral charge, that he first converse freely with the pastor as to the spiritual and financial condition of the charge and that he insist on a strict obedience to the vows made when uniting with the church.

Section 7. The Board of Stewards of each Charge shall soon after the adjournment of the annual conference meet and in connection with the pastor proportion the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for the support of the pastor. The proportion to be made to each class according to ability and willingness to pay and that the stewards see that the same is paid promptly and in connection with Section 7, we recommend that each steward keep a non-effective roll, noting those that are able and do not contribute to the support of the pastor, the president, and to the general interest of the church, and that the stewards notify the pastor of the number of members that do not help support the church.

Amendment to Section 7

It shall be the duty of each pastor, evangelist, or conference missionary holding or causing to be held any revival meeting within the bounds of the conference, to receive a special offering, either during said meeting or at some other time during the year. Said offering to be placed immediately in the superannuate fund, by sending to treasurer of said fund. The failure to comply with this rule he or she

shall be assessed the sum of five (\$5.00) dollars, for each meeting, which will be placed in said fund.

Section 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the church, no one shall be entitled to vote except those who are eighteen years of age and are contributing members in full membership.

Section 9. Any member twenty-one years of age and in good standing and in full membership for one year is eligible to any office in the church and as a delegate to the annual conference; provided that where a church, circuit, station, or mission has no member of said age, they may place in office in the church or elect as delegate to the annual conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Section 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Section 11. The term of office of conference steward shall be one year.

Section 12. The conference steward shall be required to receive and hold all money collected for various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also conference collections.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the conference steward to settle all incidental expenses of the conference out of the conference collections during the session and present the remainder to the conference for disbursement.

Section 14. He shall pay over to the different boards or persons authorized to receive same, all money received for the various benevolent purposes taking receipt and at which any other business in his hands shall make proper exhibit to the conference during the session at which he was appointed also at the expiration of his term of office.

Section 15. At the first quarterly conference of each conference year the pastor shall call attention to the amount of the assessment made by the fourth quarterly conference for his support during the year. Immediately after each quarterly conference the pastor shall call attention of each class to the amount of his salary that is unpaid and in case the pastor neglects to do this, the steward will not be held responsible if the full amount is not paid.

Section 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the annual conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Section 17. The proceedings of the annual conference shall be recorded by the secretary and properly arranged for printing in the annual minutes for which she shall receive reasonable compensation and the minutes shall be signed by the president and the secretary.

Section 18. The secretary shall take charge of all books and journals, records and proceedings of the conference and transmit the same to the conference at its next session.

Section 19. The president shall be stationing authority of the conference, calling to his aid as council, one layman from each work represented.

Section 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers there shall not be given to any one appointment who in the opinion of a majority of the members is incompetent for the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by conference to the unstationed list; provided that no minister or preacher who in the judgment of the conference is entitled to a superannuated relationship shall be transferred.

Section 21. It will be the duty of the president to see that deeds be taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Protestant church in the Louisiana District, and have same recorded.

Section 22. That the president, secretary, conference steward and standing district committee shall be elected at 3:00 o'clock p.m., on the first day of each annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 23. These By-Laws can only be changed, altered or amended by giving one day's notice in open conference of such change, alteration or amendment, and it will require a two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the conference.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The conference shall be opened promptly on the day and time appointed, the president conducting the devotional services. The roll shall then be called, after which the president shall read the annual report.

Section 2. During the morning of the second day of conference all ministers and preachers under appointment of this conference shall hand their reports to the committee on Pastor's Report.

Section 3. On assigning the floor to any member of the conference he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Section 4. All motions and resolutions shall be written if the president and secretary request.

Section 5. When a motion is seconded or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented and is read by the secretary, or is stated by the president, it shall be deemed in the possession of the conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Section 6. All motions to postpone, or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Section 7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which are placed namely: First, indefinite postponement; Second, laying on the table; Third, referred to a committee; Fourth, postponement to a given time; Fifth, substitute; Sixth, amendment. A substitute may be amended.

Section 8. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise and respectfully address the president, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Section 9. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by the president to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the president to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Section 10. When a member wishes to speak on a question of privilege he shall briefly state the question, but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the president shall decide it a privileged question.

Section 11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question nor more than five minutes at one time without leave of the conference; nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak has spoken; provided, however, that the mover of a resolution or a committee making a report shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Section 12. When a motion or resolution shall have been voted upon by the conference it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration but a motion to reconsider is a non-debatable motion, and must be decided without debate.

Section 13. No person shall absent himself from the conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

Section 14. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the Bar when such question is put by the president except by leave of the Conference when he shall be necessarily absent.

Section 15. Every member who is in the Bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the conference for special reason excuse him.

Section 16. It shall be in order for any member to call for the ayes and nays on any question before the conference and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote shall be taken by the ayes and nays.

Section 17. It shall be in order to move the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending before the conference except in cases where character is involved.

Section 18. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

Section 19. The president shall appoint the chairman of committees on subjects of general interest and notify each chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each session of the conference.

Section 20. The committee on examination shall be appointed one year in advance and meet at next annual conference one day prior to convening of that body and that the under-graduates meet such committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies. Failure on the part of the under-graduates with this requirement (unless providentially hindered) forfeits their opportunity to meet the committee during that session of conference.

Section 21. No minister or preacher who are members of this conference shall intrude themselves on any station, circuit, or mission, without first receiving an invitation or permission from the pastor in charge.

TABLE I—MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	PASTOR	Appointments	Members	Last Year	Removals	Present Membership	Professions	Baptisms	Sunday Schools	Offices & Teachers	Scholars	C. E. Societies	Missions	Church Members	Church Subs
Ansley	C. A. Calhoun	1 98	98	12	1	12	62	1	28	1	22	4			
Arcadia	B. P. Durbin	4 213	215	25	1	1	5	40	1	25	2	10			
Antioch	E. W. Corley	1 21	29	1	3										
Bentley	J. T. Garrett	4 181	18	27	125	2	16	108	1	27	1	6			
Bear Creek	A. D. Ashby	1 23	9	32	18	2	1	4	36	1	10	1	12		
Boyd	B. F. Griffin	1 27	10	37	2	1	6	55							
Campbell's Chapel	James R. Strozier	1 78	5	2	81	4	4	1	8	50	1	40			2
Chatham	E. W. Corley	2 266	10	2	274	5	5		1	8	53	1	43	1	30
Colfax	Lula Wardlow	1 38	1	37	9				1	5	27	1	40	7	3
Dodson & Center Point	I. A. Patton	2 93	4	97	8	4	1	5							3
Evergreen	Tillman Brown	2 66	5	1	70	56	1	2	11	75					
Grayson	F. L. Hearne	5 319	18	4	333	37	10	3	22	230	3	111	4	78	9
Hicks	James A. Jones	2 225	6	1	230		5	1	9	81	1	33	1	14	
Jonesboro	M. E. Perdue	1 59	7		66		7		5	60	1	25	1	15	1
Jena	F. L. Shows	2 96			96			1	4	18					
Luna	R. H. Hearne	1 25		1	24										
Monroe	I. L. Yeager	1 107	11	117	25	5	1	10	100	3	40	2	20	2	
Mount Nebo	E. O. Hearne	2 93	3	1	95	3	3	1	7	79	2	80	1	24	1
New Hope	Morris G. Lee	1 99	1	100				1	4	35		1	14		
Pine Grove	C. J. T. Cotton	4 238	1	10	229	2	3	1	3	25					1
Pollock	C. A. Calhoun	1 60	18	78	63	16	1	7	36	1	14	1	12	3	
Queen City	D. F. Griffin	2 111	2	1	112	2									
Strickland	H. E. LaCroix	1 216	1	217	3			1	6	67		1	9		
Sunrise & Bastrop	James R. Strozier	2 80	8	88	5	13	2	12	93			1	25	1	
Urania	M. E. Perdue	1 67	2	69	2			1	4	40	1	14	1		
Winnfield	I. A. Patton	1 32	5	37	8	5	1	4							
TOTALS		47 2931	156	54 3033	409	106	26	175 1420	22	556	23	312	31		

TABLE II—PROPERTY

CHARGE	PASTOR	Value Church Buildings	Value Church Buildings	Debt on Churches	Insurance on Churches	Value of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Insurance on Churches	Value of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Insurance on Churches	Value of Other Property
Ansley.....	C. A. Calhoun.....	1 \$ 3500										
Areadia.....	B. P. Durbin.....	4 4500				1 \$ 1400	\$ 1000					
Antioch.....	E. W. Corley.....	1 1000										
Bentley.....	J. T. Garrett.....	3 4500				1 1500						
Bear Creek.....	A. D. Ashly.....	1 1000										
Boyd.....	B. F. Griffin.....	1 600	\$200									
Campbell's Chapel.....	James R. Strozier.....	1 2000										
Chatham.....	E. W. Corley.....	2 3000				1 1000	1 1500					
Colfax.....	Lula Wardlow.....	1 1200										
Dodson & Center Point.....	I. A. Patton.....	2 3000										
Evergreen.....	Tilman Brown.....	2 1000				1 300						
Grayson.....	F. L. Hearne.....	3 3500				1 2000	500	\$300				
Hicks.....	James A. Jones.....	2 1000				1 1000						
Jonesboro.....	M. E. Perdue.....	1 2000				1 1000						200
Jena.....	F. L. Shows.....	2 1500										
Luna.....	R. H. Hearne.....	1 500										
Monroe.....	I. L. Yeager.....	1 7000	800	1000	1	3000	1000					
Mount Nebo.....	E. O. Hearne.....	1 800										
New Hope.....	Morris G. Lee.....	1 1000										
Pine Grove.....	C. J. T. Cotton.....	4 2500										
Pollock.....	C. A. Calhoun.....	1 3000				1 2000						
Queen City.....	B. F. Griffin.....	2 1000										
Strickland.....	H. E. LaCroix.....	3 1500										
Sunrise & Bastrop.....	James R. Strozier.....	2 3600										
Urania.....	M. E. Perdue.....	1 1500	750									250
Winnfield.....	I. A. Patton.....	1 500										
TOTALS.....		45 \$56200	1750	3000	8 \$11700	\$ 2500	\$750					

TABLE III—FINANCE



